(d) The Enforcement Branch of the Transport Department periodcally check the enforcement of the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act including those of driving licences.

**Agitation by officers of Indian Road Construction Corporation**

840. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the officers of the Indian Road Construction Corporation, a public sector undertaking, have been agitating against the mismanagement and financial irregularities in the undertaking;

(b) if so, whether Government have inquired into the alleged mismanagement and financial irregularities; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof stating the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Construction of multi-purpose cargo berth at Kandla and Porbander ports**

841. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken by Government for the construction of multi-purpose Cargo berths at Kandla and Porbander Ports, of Gujarat State;

(b) when was the construction work started;

(c) what progress has been made far in this regard; and

(d) by when the construction work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Construction of a multi-purpose berth at Kandla has been included in the 8th Plan of the Port. As far as Porbander is concerned, it is the executive responsibility of the State Government.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

**मोहन सराय और मुगल सराय के बीच "बाई पास" सड़क और गंगा पुल का निर्माण**

842. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :** क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री 24 मार्च, 1993 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 3787 के दिये गये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि वाराणसी (उत्तर प्रदेश) में मोहन सराय और मुगल सराय के बीच बाई पास सड़क और गंगा पुल के निर्माण कार्य की वर्तमान स्थिति क्या है ?

**जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाइटलर):** कार्य की धीमी गति के कारण पहला ठेका रद्द कर दिया गया था और बाईपास सड़क के निर्माण कार्य को अब सीमा सड़क संगठन को सौंप दिया गया है। इस पर केवल 27% ही प्रगति हुई है । गंगा पुल के निर्माण कार्य के बारे में अब तक लगभग 42% प्रगति हुई है।

**Proposal submitted by Andhra Pradesh Government**

843. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the proposals submitted by Andhra Pradesh Government that are pending for clearance with the Ministry of surface Transport;

(b) at what stage of consideration they are; and

(c) by when these proposals are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) The requisite information is as under:

(i) *Proposals for declaration of new National Highways:*

Nine proposals were furnished by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh. However, Kurnool-Chittoor Road traversing through Nandyal-Cuddapah aggregating 369 Km. has been included in the National Highway grid in January, 1993.

(ii) *Proposals for National Highways works:*

Nine proposals in respect of National Highways (Roads and Bridges) are at various stages of consideration clearance.

(iii) *Proposals sponsored under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes:—*

(a) *Centrally-Aided Programme of State Roads of Inter-State or Economic Importance:*

It has not been possible to approve any of the schemes so far mainly for want of funds under this scheme.

(b) *Purchase of Pollution checking equipment:*

The reference of the State Government for the purchase of above equipment is being processed at present.

(iv) *Proposals under Central Road Fund:*

Out of 401 proposals costing Rs. 289.27 crores received from State during different interval of time, 5 schemes have been accommodated in the afore-said programme against the likely accruals available upto 31st March, 1997 as per old Resolution.

**Request for declaration of National High-ways in Madhya Pradesh**

844. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria/norms laid down for declaration of State Highway as national highway;

(b) the reasons for not declaring any State Road in Madhya Pradesh as National Highway since 30th November 1984;

(c) whether the Government of Madhya Pradesh has made repeated requests in 1989,1990 and 1991 for declaring N.H. Roads in the States which have been left out so far;

(d) if so, whether the road fulfils the criteria laid down therefor; and

(e) if so, the reasons for not declaring this road as National Highway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The criteria are as under, *viz.*

(i) Roads which run through the length and breadth of the country.

(ii) Roads connecting adjacent countries;

(iii) Roads connecting State Capitals;

(iv) Roads connecting major Ports and important industrial or tourist centres;

(v) Roads meeting very important strategic requirements;

(vi) Roads carrying high density of traffic over an adequate length; and

(vii) Roads which will enable sizeable reduction in travel distance and achievement of substantial economics thereby.

(b) to (e) The Government of Madhya Pradesh had been representing from time to time for declaration of certain State Roads as new National Highways. Consequently, Nizamabad-Jagadalpur Road covering a length of about 210 km in Madhya Pradesh was declared as National Highway in February, 1989. Even though the remaining proposed roads may be fulfilling the criteria laid down for the purpose, it has not been possible to make further additions to the National Highway network in Madhya Pradesh on account of financial constraints and other priority considerations. This position still holds good.